

# REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 19 April 2001  
 Name of applicant/court: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.  
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Warner Bros Video  
 Title of Publication: The Sopranos  
 Other Known Titles: The Sopranos, Series 1, Volume 4, Episodes 7 & 8  
 Directors: Lorraine Senna, Tim Van Patten  
 Producers: Allen Coulter, Ilene S. Landress  
 Publisher: Not Applicable  
 Author: Not Applicable  
 Format: DVD  
 Country of Origin: USA  
 Language: English

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## Components of film originally examined:

Main Menu:	Play All Episodes Special Features Languages	Running time:	
Feature:	The Sopranos - Episode 7		49.28
	The Sopranos - Episode 8		46.56
Other Moving Components:	Warner Home Video Notice		0.12
	Copyright Warning Notice		5.13
	The Sopranos: Behind The Hit "The Tony Tapes"		5.26
	Trailer #1		1.25
	Trailer #2		1.51
		Total Running time:	110.31

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 13 years.

Display Conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Contains violence and offensive language.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: 18 April 2001

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**SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:**

The DVD entitled *The Sopranos* is classified as:  
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 13 years.

This classification is due to the manner in which the publication deals with matters of sex, crime and violence.

The DVD consists mostly of two episodes of the television series *The Sopranos*. Both of the episodes of *The Sopranos* have previously been examined and classified by the Office of Film and Literature Classification, each as part of a different video recording. The first episode (episode 7 in the series) was part of *The Sopranos*, publication reference no. 100282, which was classified as objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years. This classification decision was registered on 16 March 2001. The second episode (episode 8 in the series) was part of *The Sopranos*, publication reference no. 100284, which was classified as objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 13 years. The two episodes of *The Sopranos* that make up the DVD currently being classified have been verified as being the same as those previously classified.

The previously classified video recordings, including the two episodes in question, were found to deal with matters of sex, crime and violence. The additional components contained in this DVD also depict matters of violence and crime. The manner in which these matters are treated within the two episodes of *The Sopranos* and the additional components is likely to be injurious to the public good unless the availability of the publication is restricted to adults or teenagers. Although one of the episodes makes up part of a video recording that has been restricted by the Classification Office to an audience 16 years of age and over, the particular episode in question does not contain the same degree of sex or violence as the rest of that video recording. As such, the more restrictive classification is not considered necessary in this instance.

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